



Deephaven News

"Information for Residents"

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2007 Deephaven Days – Saturday, August 11

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Triathlon – Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at Deephaven Beach, with the race beginning at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine, at the south end of the Main Beach. The race consists of a 200-yard swim, a 3.67-mile bike race, and a 2.0-mile run. There is an additional 2.6-mile extension to the bike race for those with a little more endurance. The triathlon ends at Thorpe Park for a community picnic immediately following the race.



Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Please complete the registration enclosed with this newsletter and return it to City Hall, 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331. The registration fee is \$15 for single participants and \$35 for family participants.

The community picnic features great food, live music and games for the kids.

Volunteers are needed for this event. If you are interested, please call Peggy Beardsley at 952-401-8715 or City Hall at 952-474-4755. More details on the event are available on the city web page at www.cityofdeephaven.org.

City Receives Financial Reporting Award

The City of Deephaven has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). This is the 13th consecutive year that the City of Deephaven has received this award. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. There are 32,070 municipalities nationwide with populations under 10,000, and only 285 of these (less than 1%) qualified to receive this award.

**Fond Farewell to
Police Chief Virgil Gustafson
and
Public Works Employee Owen Fuglseth**

We would like to give our fondest wishes to both Virgil Gustafson and Owen Fuglseth who have retired from their employment with the City of Deephaven on June 29th. While we are delighted with their new found freedom, we will miss both Virgil and Owen a great deal.

Virgil started as a patrol officer with the City of Deephaven in 1978, was promoted to Sergeant in 2001 and to Police Chief in 2005.

Owen has been employed in the Deephaven Public Works Department since 1974.

We wish both a long and enjoyable retirement!



Tour de Tonka - Saturday, August 4th, 2007

Mark your calendar for the second annual and very exciting community building event for the summer from Community Education - "Tour de Tonka." Tour de Tonka is a bike ride event set for Sat. Aug. 4, 2007. It will not be a race. Tour de Tonka will have 3 different distance riding options giving it appeal to almost all ages. There will be a 15 mile family ride option, a 33 mile option that loops part of the lake and a challenge ride option of 65 miles that loops all of Lake Minnetonka and then some. Watch for more specific registration information in the spring / summer Community Education Brochure, or call Gwynn to register @ 952-401-6842. Also, please call Tim if you can volunteer 1-3 hours of your morning on Aug. 4 @ 952-401-5043.



National Night Out - Tuesday, August 7th



Join your neighbors, City Council and Police Department to give crime a going away party!

Please commit to hosting a block party to celebrate the efforts of residents and the police in keeping Deephaven a safe community.



To register your party and ensure a visit by a police officer, the police chief or members of the City Council call 952-474-7555.



Excelsior Firefighters Relief Association Dance—Friday, July 20, 2007

The annual Excelsior Firefighter's Relief Association Annual Dance will be held at the West Side Fire Station at 24100 Smithtown Road in Shorewood from 5:00 pm to Midnight. Jonah and the Whales will be performing. Come join us for food, fun, friends, family and neighbors!

Southshore Community Senior Center Calendar of Events

The Southshore Community Center will be celebrating its 10th birthday this year! Save the first week in October to participate in a birthday bash you won't forget! Visit their website for more information www.southshore-center.org or call 952-474-7635.

Deephaven beaches opened on Saturday, June 9th, for the summer season. (They close September 4th) Here is a list of beaches with brief information about each one:



- ◆ Deephaven Beach – Lifeguards on-duty from 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Robinson's Bay Beach – Lifeguards on-duty from Noon to 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Sandy Beach – Lifeguards on-duty from Noon to 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Rocky Beach – No lifeguards on-duty
- ◆ Nocomo Beach – No lifeguards on-duty
- ◆ Linwood Beach - No lifeguards on-duty



Deephaven Beach Swimming Lessons start June 18th.

Please call Minnetonka Community Education to register, 952-401-6800

Dogs at Beaches



Please remember that **dogs are not permitted on the sand portion of any beach** in Deephaven. While we realize that it might be a special treat for your dog to romp in the sand, it's not so much fun for someone walking or playing in the sand to find the "treat" your pet left behind. *Please be a responsible pet owner.*

4th of July Celebration in Deephaven at the Cottagewood General Store!

Mark your calendars for this annual celebration! Food, games, fun and of course, the annual children's bike parade. All events are at the Cottagewood Children's Park in front of the Historic Cottagewood General Store. The fun begins at 9:30 a.m. with the Matterhorn Brass playing in the park. The reading of the Declaration of Independence at 9:40 a.m. and the parade at 10:00 a.m. Game bracelets can be purchased ahead of time at the Cottagewood Store for \$3 or can be bought on July 4th for \$4. All proceeds from the celebration go to support the foundation and the store to keep great events like this happening in our community. There will also be a raffle to benefit the Store's foundation. As always, we need donations for the raffle prizes – items like gift baskets, gift certificates, boat rides, sports entertainment, etc. Please call 952-470-8400



Delinquent Utility Bill Notice

Please be aware that all unpaid balances on your utility bills for sewer/storm water, city water (if applicable) and garbage/recycling must be paid in full to the City of Deephaven **on or before September 28, 2007.**

If the past due amount is not paid by this date, the Deephaven City Code **requires the past due amount to be levied against your property for payment in 2008 on your property tax statements.**

Please Use Fireworks Safely!



The Excelsior Fire District Firefighters want you and your family to be safe on the 4th of July and anytime you choose to use fireworks. It is important for all citizens to understand the new fireworks laws and be well informed on safety precautions when using legal fireworks. Sales, possession and use of SOME non-explosive and non-aerial consumer fireworks are now permitted in Minnesota. These fireworks MAY NOT be used on public property such as city owned docks, beaches, parks, trails, bridges, parking lots, schools, etc.

Examples of legal fireworks include sparklers, cones, and tubes that emit sparks, novelty items like snakes and party poppers. You must be 18 years of age with photo identification to purchase fireworks.

The Fire District suggests the following safety guidelines:

Use fireworks with close adult supervision.

Read and understand the directions.

Keep fireworks away from children (sparklers alone burn at nearly 1200 degrees F)

Never place any part of your body over a firework devise.

Never aim or throw fireworks at a person, animal, building or vehicle.

Stay away from a failed firework devise for an extended period of time. Never re-light a failed devise and always soak it with water before handling.

When using fireworks use common sense, courtesy, and respect for those around you.

If you have any questions or need additional information, a complete list of legal fireworks, storage and transportation of fireworks, and safety guidelines can be obtained by calling the MN State Fire Marshal's Office at 651-215-0500 or by emailing firecode@state.mn.us



Pedestrian Safety

Warmer weather means more construction vehicles and many more people are out and about walking, hiking and riding bicycles. Please be alert, drive slowly and with caution.



Minnesota law requires that drivers of motor vehicles must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and others who are crossing a street in a marked crosswalk.

Bike Helmets for Sale

The Deephaven Police Department is offering bike helmets for sale in all sizes. The helmets are blue and are available for \$8 or \$10. Each helmet has a serial number that will be recorded at the police station to aid in identifying the wearer, if necessary.



2008 City Budget Schedule for Review by City Council

Monday, July 16—2008 Salaries, General Fund Revenues, General Fund Expenditures, Capital Improvement Fund

Thursday, August 2—General Government, Elections, Administration, City Hall, Police, Fire, Emergency Management, Public Works, Streets & Roads, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Recreation, Wildlife Management

Monday, August 20—Review Budget Revisions

Thursday, September 6—Final Budget Review & Adoption of Preliminary Tax Levy

Monday, October 15—Park Improvement Fund, Marina Fund, Recycling Fund

Monday, November 19—Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Storm Water Fund

Monday, December 3—Truth in Taxation Hearing

Monday, December 17—Adopt Final Tax Levy, Adopt 2008 City Budget

Help Eradicate Garlic Mustard!

Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria Petiolata*) is a highly invasive exotic plant. This biennial herbaceous plant, also known as Jack-by-the-Hedge, invades shaded areas and has a tendency to crowd out other herbaceous species.

The Garlic Mustard plant has small black seeds, which can be dispersed 6 or more feet and number anywhere from 100 to 1,000. Seed dispersal usually occurs in late spring or early summer and may be human or animal assisted. The seeds may be viable for five to six years, though they usually germinate the second year.

Garlic Mustard is very difficult to control. It is also on the MN Dept. of Agriculture's list of prohibited noxious weeds. Annual treatment may be necessary until the seed bank is exhausted. Hand pulling can be effective for small populations and can be done most of the year. Remove all cut stems, flowers and seedpods promptly to prevent dispersal.



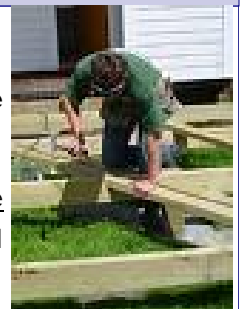
Building Permits

Please remember that **building permits are needed for all structural alterations.**

If you are planning on repairing a roof, deck or siding your home, permits are required before starting your project.

Permit fees double for those individuals who are found to be working without the appropriate permit. Also, please make sure that all permits have the required inspections.

Please be sure to call Gopher One for the required utility locates before you begin digging.



"Summertime .. and the livin' is easy" Gershwin

So what has the Council done to earn a vacation? Well, we cooked at the Cottagewood Store on June 15 and fed over 150 people. We approved a plan for a commercial building on Chowen's Corner where Deephaven resident Alan Dale will be building a two-story Class A office building that will have a "period" look. We thank him and his staff for the interest they have in building in our prime business district and wish him well. Congressman Ramstad joined our meeting on June 4 to say an official "Thank you" to our retired Police Chief Virgil Gustafson. We echo those comments and wish Virgil a happy retirement .. he has earned it.

We have several things on our "to do" list, but things are moving slowly. We managed to get approval from the LMCD for ten additional docks in St. Louis Bay by decreasing the number of slides we had, but before we build the docks, we are looking into constructing pier footings on the north and south end of the existing spine. We will be trying to settle the funding issues in Shorewood where we own 22.5% of the building that is the Senior Community Center. We are trying to come up with an amicable solution for what we perceive to be a funding issue regarding the EFD. And, a solution to the long waiting list for boat docks will probably be on our agenda again.

We are embarking upon two projects through our Park Committee to enhance our City Campus area. We want to clean up the area around the platform tennis structure and create a more park-like setting there while restoring the platform tennis structure itself. We are also looking for ideas to create a small park near the lower entrance to City Hall that could celebrate the contributions of the many City employees and citizen volunteers who have made contributions to the overall betterment of the City over the last 100 years. We would welcome your ideas and any landscape design features you would like to see us use.

As all of you are making your vacation plans, don't forget to make time for the Third Annual Deephaven Days on August 11. We would love to see you in the Triathlon or at the picnic .. or both.

Whatever you plan for family fun this summer, please be safe as you boat and swim, courteous and helpful to your neighbors, and have a Happy Fourth of July!

"See you in September" ... The Happenings
Paul



Summer Hours at City Hall

Starting May 29th through August 31st.
Deephaven City Hall will be open:

Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

Your City Staff:

Dana Young, City Administrator

Mary Courtney, Deputy Clerk

Cory Johnson, Police Chief

Gus Karpas, Zoning Coordinator

Jerry Hudlow, Public Works Supervisor

Your City Council:

Mayor Paul Skrede

Council members:

Kim Crockett, Keith Kask,

John Wheaton and Steve Adams.

Phone Numbers:

Administration & Public Works: 952-474-4755

Police Non-Emergency: 952-474-7555

24-Hour Police Dispatch: 763-525-6210

City of Deephaven Website: www.cityofdeephaven.org

The Deephaven City Council normally meet twice a month on the first and third Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. The Park Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. And the Boat Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Residents are welcome to attend any or all of these meetings. Council meetings are also televised on Cable Channel 8. Channel 8 televised dates and times for City of Deephaven meetings as well as meeting minutes are all available on our City website, www.cityofdeephaven.org